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1. The First Guards Artillery Division, with headquarters formerly at Allensteig, Austria, and units at Karl Holz Barracks near Allensteig, is now in Lwow, Ukrainian S.S.R. The transfer order was received about 20 February 1947 and the movement took place before the end of the month. [REDACTED] See [REDACTED] for a report on the transfer of this unit from Austria, to the Mukacevo-Uzhorod area, Carpatho-Ukraine, apparently en route to its presently reported location.)

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2. Components of this division are:

96th Artillery Brigade, equipped with 120mm truck-drawn guns.

2nd Guards Artillery Brigade, with the same equipment.

126th Howitzer Brigade, equipped with 202mm howitzers drawn by "Stalinets" tractors.

19th Guards Howitzer Brigade, equipped with 203mm howitzers. [REDACTED] claims that this is a new type of weapon.

16th Heavy Mortar Brigade, equipped with 45 x 160mm mortars. Each battery has four mortars, which weigh 1,225 kgs. each and are drawn by American Studebaker trucks.

3rd Guards Brigade, equipped with Studebaker-mounted multiple rocket launchers known as "Vanyusha". The rockets weigh 96 kgs. [REDACTED] did not know the full designation of this brigade.) ([REDACTED] This may be the 3rd Guards Heavy Howitzer Artillery Brigade, reported in Austria as of 15 July 1946. In the same report, the 98th Howitzer Artillery, 126th High Velocity Howitzer Artillery, and 19th Guards Motorized Brigades also were mentioned as being in Austria, but the larger unit to which the four brigades belonged was not identified.)

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